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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA URGED TO NEGOTIATE FOR PEACE

Peace Party of Russia Greatly Encouraged and Pacific Proposal May be Near--Rumor that Emperor William Has Tendered His Good Offices Seems Confirmed.

FRANCE WILL ACT FOR RUSSIAN CZAR

If He Decides to Approach Japan With Proposition to End War.

NICHOLAS WILL NEVER AGREE TO CESSION OF TERRITORY OR PAYMENT OF INDEMNITY--TEMPORARY RESPITE GIVEN RUSSIAN ARMY--MASTERLY RETREAT BEFORE ADVANCING JAPANESE.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Thursday, March 23.—The government party, which is urging the emperor to indicate to the Japanese Russia's willingness to end the war if a reasonable basis can be reached, has been greatly encouraged during the last few days and a pacific proposal may be near.

Certain grand dukes, supported by the war ministers and heads of the admiralty and war party, are still bitterly opposed to peace under the present circumstances. The emperor and older ministers, led by Witte, solidly favor this course and their arguments are having weight. Free influences in the same direction are now supported by Germany, and the rumor that Emperor William has tendered his good offices seems now confirmed.

The Associated Press is able to assert that if the emperor decides to approach Japan it will be through France. The Russian government is now sure that Japan did not make the first move nor disclose her position. It is declared the emperor will never agree to a cession of territory or to an indemnity.

TEMPORARY RESPITE GIVEN THE RUSSIANS.

Gumshu Pass, March 22.—The Japanese appear to be giving the Russians a temporary respite from pursuit, probably for the purpose of re-forming their own forces as after the battle of Liao Yang. The impression here is that the Japanese eastern army is marching on Kirin while the western army is continuing north between the Mongolian border and the railroad. Rumors of the probability of Grand Duke Nicolaievitch assuming command of the armies later which were current at Mukden have been revived here, in spite of the nomination of General Linievitch.

Jap Cavalry Appeared.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A despatch from General Linievitch dated March 21, says:

"Yesterday Japanese cavalry detachments appeared in front of our advance posts. Behind the cavalry were infantry who halted in the village of Mianchany."

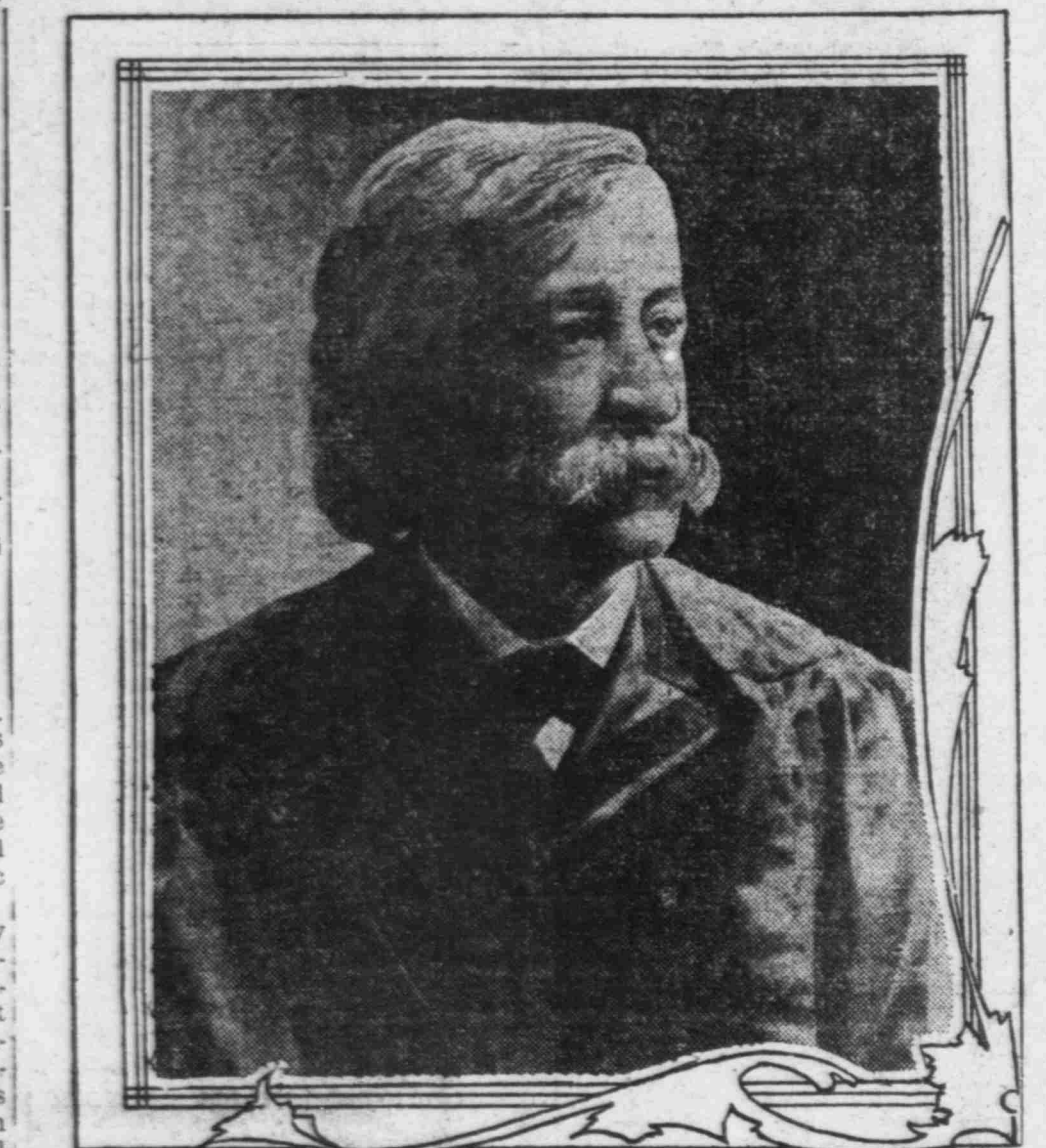
MASTERLY RETREAT OF RUSSIAN ARMY.

St. Petersburg March 22.—The reports of the Russian army being conducted in a splendid fashion. In four days actual marching after leaving Tie Pass the rear guard has fallen back seventy miles and the heads of the columns are already entering Gumshu Pass, forty miles further north, keeping up with the Japanese column marching north over the grand trade route. With the bridges and railroad destroyed behind the Russians, the Japanese are unable to press the rear, and according to information received from the front, it is believed that the bulk of Field Marshal Oyama's army is still at Tie Pass, the flanking column being comparatively weak. This news may, however, prove incorrect. For two days there has been some skirmishing, accompanied by artillery exchanges, between the Japanese on the grand trade route and the Russians screening the retreat, showing that they are in constant contact.

With the crossing of the Sungari river at Changtshu protected many military men here believe that General Linievitch, while prepared to withdraw to Harbin, will attempt to hold the line from Kuanchangshu to Kirin, so as to control the rich Sungari valley as a source of supply for the army. A Japanese advance to Kirin would be equivalent to the isolation of Vladivostok.

The war office points to the fact that Linievitch was able to give his

Picturesque Justice of the Supreme Court



CHIEF JUSTICE MELVILLE W. FULLER. For picturesque, Chief Justice Fuller, of the Supreme Court, is the most striking. His great head of silvery white hair and his moustache suggest Mark Twain. There is also a resemblance between the Chief Justice and his associate, Judge Peckham, of New York. Judge Fuller was appointed by Cleveland.

This is the first of a series of pictures of the members of the Supreme Court.

CONCESSIONS GRANTED TO PEOPLE OF POLAND

ABANDONMENT OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE IN POLISH SCHOOLS CAUSES BETTER FEELING IN WARSAW--SERIOUS RIOTING IN OTHER PARTS OF POLAND.

By The Associated Press.
Warsaw, March 22.—A telegram received here from St. Petersburg announcing the attitude of the ministers regarding the use of the Polish language in the schools here was received with the liveliest satisfaction, and the school strike will probably speedily end.

Favored by Majority.
St. Petersburg, March 22.—The abandonment of compulsory use of the Russian language and a plan to impart instruction in Polish in the schools of Poland, one of the main features of the government's Polish policy for the last thirty years, was recommended at a special meeting of the committee of

ministers yesterday, a large majority favoring a discontinuance of the attempt to Russinize Poland in this manner.

At another meeting of the ministers it was decided inadvisable to attempt to resume work at the universities and other schools before September.

Riots in Poland.
Warsaw, March 22.—Serious agrarian disturbances occurred to-day at Kutnoud, where it is reported the military fired on the peasant rioters and several of the latter were killed or wounded.

Similar riots occurred at Osteron in the same district. The governor of Warsaw has gone to investigate.

Member of Posse Killed Instead of Negro Murderer

By The Associated Press.
Birmingham, Ala., March 22.—A special to the Age-Herald from Selma, Ala., says:

News has reached Selma of a horrible tragedy that occurred last night near Schuster, in Wilcox county, growing out of the hunt by a posse for the negro Will Pomey, who shot Professor Claude Hadry near Pine Apple, and who up to this time has not been apprehended.

J. B. Rowell, a well known citizen of Pine Apple, who has been with the posse many times since the shooting of Professor Hardy, located Pomey yesterday afternoon in a swamp near Schuster, and notified the citizens of Pine Apple, who immediately formed a posse, and surrounded the swamp. Mr. Rowell stated to the crowd that he could not possibly leave home that

night, and the posse left him with that understanding. Each man of the posse went to the station assigned him around the swamp. George Keyser and George Brantley being put on guard on the road, over which it was thought most likely the negro would attempt to leave the swamp. While the posse were waiting for reinforcements, before closing on the point where Pomey was supposed to be in hiding, Mr. Rowell, for some unknown reason, left home and came up the very road which he had indicated the negro was most likely to take, and walked up to the two guards—Keyser and Brantley—who hailed him. Mr. Rowell evidently thought he had run upon Pomey and raised his gun to fire, when both guards fired upon him, killing him instantly. The posse was horrified to learn of the mistake.

Victims of Brocton Fire Number Nearly Seventy

By Associated Press.
Brocton, Mass., March 22.—City Marshal Bordon to-day estimated the number killed in the explosion and fire at the Grover Shoe factory at about sixty and seventy. The factory books show four hundred em-

ployees on the rolls of which 93 are not reported as having escaped at three o'clock this afternoon. The estimate is based on the fact that some who escaped failed to report to the authorities and the possible fact that all were not at work on Monday.

TERRIFIC CYCLONE

Caused Destruction of Lives and Property Near Roanoke, Ala.

RESIDENCES BLOWN DOWN

AND TRACK OF STORM FOR SEVERAL MILES A SCENE OF DESOLATION--NINE REPORTED KILLED AND MANY OTHERS WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

By Associated Press.
Opelika, March 22.—News of a terrible life-and-property-destroying cyclone, which swept the southern part of Randolph county Monday, reached Opelika to-day. On account of the isolation of that part of the county details are lacking, but it is positively known that nine lives were lost in the storm and thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed.

The cyclone started between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Double Head, five miles south of Roanoke, and proceeded in a northwesterly course, sweeping houses from their foundations and carrying ruin and destruction into many homes.

The first damage was at the home of Mack Carlyle, five miles southeast of Roanoke, where the residence was blown down, and W. C. Hays, the father-in-law of Mr. Carlyle and a well known citizen of the county, who was at work on the house, was distance. He sustained injuries which caused his death this morning.

The next point struck by the storm was the Wilson plantation, six miles east of the Carlyle home, where three negroes were killed, several others injured and a number of houses blown down.

On the Honey plantation, near Rock Mill, three or four negroes were killed, others injured and a number of houses razed.

At Line postoffice a storehouse was blown down and great damage was done to property in the neighborhood. Near Line postoffice the little daughter of S. H. Lucas was killed instantly by the fury of the storm, and her mother, rushing out of the house to save her child, received injuries that will in all probability result in her death.

The wires from Rock Hill to Glenn, Ga., were torn down by the fury of the wind, and telegraphic communication to the scene of the tragic wind-storm is cut off.

The news was brought to Roanoke by a negro who braved the elements to bring succor to the people of his neighborhood.

Surgeons at Roanoke immediately hurried to the scene and are now giving the stricken ones every assistance possible.

This storm did not reach Roanoke, but the city was visited by a heavy downpour of rain and a high wind.

SCIENTISTS MUST STUDY MEDICINE

NEBRASKA BILL REQUIRES ALL HEALERS TO TAKE REGULAR FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

By Associated Press.
Lincoln, Neb., March 22.—The state senate has favored the Christian Science bill, already passed by the house, which requires all healers to take a four years' course in medicine and pass the examination required of regular physicians. If the governor signs the bill, all Christian Science healers, for fees, will be stopped in the state until after the healers have obtained licenses.

BOTH GUILTY OF PEONAGE

TWO GEORGIA MEN ADMITTED CRIME AND WERE FINED \$1,000 EACH BY JUDGE SPEER.

By Associated Press.
Savannah, March 22.—George Crawley, an attorney of Waycross, and former Sheriff Thomas J. McClellan, of Ware county, pleaded guilty to peonage to-day and Judge Speer fined each one thousand dollars, remitting five hundred dollars in each case pending any further violation of the law.

STANFORD MYSTERY

Will Probably be Solved Within the Next Forty--Eight Hours.

SUSPECTS TO BE ARRESTED

REPORTS OF DETECTIVES WHO RETURNED FROM HONOLULU ARE TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO REACH THE CONCLUSION OF MURDER.

By The Associated Press.
San Francisco, March 22.—The Call says to-day:

It is announced at police headquarters that within the next forty-eight hours the mystery surrounding the presence of strychnine poison in the bottle of Poland water with which Mrs. Stanford quenched her thirst on the evening of January 14 at her California street home will have been completely solved and that possibly one or two persons toward whom the strongest suspicion is directed will be arrested. As to whether the poison was placed in the bottle before the water was drunk by Mrs. Stanford for the purpose of ending her life, or injected into the bottle after she had drunk from it to ward suspicion from Mrs. Stanford, the police refuse to say.

The report of the local detectives just returned from Honolulu has been filed with the acting chief of police giving the result of their investigations into the death of Mrs. Stanford at Honolulu. This shows that the detectives made Dr. Humphries of Honolulu who was in charge of the case, contradict himself on points so material that the detectives are unable to arrive at the conclusion that murder was committed. Briefly their findings are to the effect that an overloaded stomach, a weak heart excited by overindulgence in exercise attending the aged woman's outing on the day of the death and the use of cascara with strychnine improperly prepared, combined to bring about her death.

Kentucky's Governor a Father.
Louisville, Ky., March 22.—A son was born yesterday to Mrs. J. C. W. Beckham, wife of the governor of Kentucky.

COMPLICATIONS FEARED IN SAN DOMINGO TROUBLE

NEWS OF POSTPONEMENT OF RATIFICATION OF TREATY BY UNITED STATES SENATE MAY LEAD TO REVOLUTION--REPUBLICANS UNABLE TO MEET OBLIGATIONS.

By The Associated Press.
San Domingo, March 22.—News of the postponement by the United States senate of ratification of the treaty with San Domingo has caused the situation here to become acute and an uprising seems imminent, based on the cry that President Morales has been discredited in the United States. Morales says he is prepared to put down any revolution.

It is believed that more foreign complications will result from Belgium's demands of March 12, which was for custom receipts to the extent of nearly twenty-six thousand dollars monthly, according to an old agreement on which nothing has been paid for three years.

In an interview with The Associated Press correspondent to-day, President Morales said: "It is entirely possible the United States may have to send an ultimatum here on account of the Dominican government being unable but not unwilling to meet its obligations. It is utterly impossible for this government to pay the sums due the foreign powers; otherwise these demands will be pressed. With the custom houses in the control of the United States the resources of the island will develop speedily, all demands will be paid, and the country will be educated to peace and permanent prosperity."

By The Associated Press.
New York, March 22.—Edward Lee, who dispenses New Jersey justice at Madison, in that state, has decided that a woman's tongue, when used upon a justice of the peace, becomes a concealed weapon.

Two women had appeared in this court one charging that the other had called her names. The justice tried to settle the case, and after dismissing the complaint, endeavored to make the

VICE PRESIDENT WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR

At Banquet of Tar Heel Club at Greensboro, N. C. Last Night, Which Was Attended by Many Prominent Men.

PANIC AMONG FACTORY GIRLS

MANY LIVES ENDANGERED AND PROPERTY LOSS \$50,000 BY NEW YORK FIRE.

By The Associated Press.
New York, March 22.—Many lives were endangered and damage amounting to fifty thousand dollars caused by fire in a nine-story building at the corner of Broadway and Bleeker streets to-day. Scores of girls employed in the upper stories were thrown into a panic when the flames swept from the seventh floor, where the fire started. Several were bruised by the crush on the stairways.

ALL NEW YORK HOSPITALS FULL

By Associated Press.
New York, March 22.—Pneumonia, grip, bronchitis and kindred ailments are so near epidemic in Brooklyn that the hospitals, like those of Manhattan, with two exceptions, reached the limit of their bed accommodations. In some of the institutions patients are compelled to sleep on mattresses on the floor.

The condition of the streets, particularly in the residential sections, following the recent thaw, is asserted to be responsible for much of the illness.

THE "JERSEY LILY" NOW A GRANDMOTHER.

By Associated Press.
New York, March 22.—A son, has been born to Mrs. Han Malcom, wife of a well-known member of parliament from Scotland, daughter of Mrs. Lily Langtry, says an American dispatch from London. It is said Mrs. Langtry and her daughter have been estranged since the latter's marriage.

ELIMINATION OF RACE ISSUE

Subject of Congratulations by Toastmaster to the Republicans.

REFERENCE TO GENERAL JOE WHEELER'S PART IN SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR AROUSED ENTHUSIASM--OUTLINE OF THE ADDRESS OF VICE-PRESIDENT FAIRBANKS.

By The Associated Press.
Greensboro, N. C., March 22.—Three hundred guests, including many republicans of prominence from this and other states, attended a banquet at the Tar Heel Club here to-night. Vice-President Fairbanks and revenue commissioner Yerkes were the principal guests of honor. A telegram of regret was received from Postmaster General Cortelyou.

Toastmaster E. Spencer Blackburn congratulated the republicans of the state upon the elimination of the race issue and the dawning of a better political day in this section.

Vice-President Fairbanks followed Mr. Blackburn and received a tremendous ovation. After a few preliminary remarks he said he would make no partisan speech. He told of the elimination of sectional lines and raised much enthusiasm by a reference to General Joe Wheeler's part in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Fairbanks said a republican government was ordained to promote justice, secure to each the fullest possible enjoyment of equal rights under the law. All Americans stand on a plane of equality and all laws must be inspired by a love of justice. Political parties were essential in popular government, have existed from the beginning and will exist to the end. It was of vital importance that they be high minded and patriotic and they should support sound and conservative policies, which were the only foundation of industrial and social progress and enduring national greatness.

BELIEVED TO BE ALIVE IN VAULT

SPECIALIST SUMMONED TO EXAMINE WOMAN WHO WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD A WEEK AGO.

By The Associated Press.
Chicago, March 22.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Tell City, Ind., says:

Mrs. Susan Sulzer, who apparently dropped dead days ago as she was entering her home in Canneltown, and whose body was placed in the cemetery vault two days later, is believed by many persons to be alive.

Her relatives are convinced that life is not extinct, and a specialist from Cincinnati has been summoned and an examination will be made. During the time that the body has been in the vault it has been watched closely and several dim apparent signs of life have been detected.

Since her supposed death the wound on her forehead, caused by the fall, has continued to bleed at intervals and her face remains flushed. A few days ago a local physician punctured one of her fingers and brought blood.

EXPLOSION IN COAL MINES

By Associated Press.
Princeton, Ind., March 22.—A terrible explosion in the Princeton coal mines occurred to-day. Six miners were taken out dead and three others badly injured. Many others are still entombed.

OUTFIT SHIPPED FOR PRESIDENT

By Associated Press.
Austin, Tex., March 22.—The adjutant general to-day shipped a carload of tents, from beds and camping outfits to Burt, to be used by President Roosevelt and party on the contemplated hunting trip.